A travel agency mainly handles domestic/international ticket in passports, visas and other travel related matters. In addition, they may also bandle inbound tours and make all the ground handling arrangements for the tourists.

Development of Religious Tourist Spots In Gujarat

3264. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to develop the places of religious importance in Gujarat as important tourist spots;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Committee on Pilgrim Tourism constituted by the Government of India in 1992 for improving basic amenities and tourism infrastructure had identified certain places of pilgrimage for develoment. In the State of Gujarat, the identified places are Dwarka, Palitana and Udwada near Vapi. There is no proposal at present with the Government of India received from the State Government for the development of these identified centres. However, the details of projects sanctioned earlier in the identified religious places/placed below:

Year	Scheme	Amount sanctioned
1985-86	Cafeteria at Dwarka	6 25 lakhs
1990-91	Wayside amenities at Vapi	15.18 lakhs

Schemes for Attracting Tourists

3265. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of tourists visiting Jammu and Kashmir has become almost negligible due to constant unrest in the State;

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any scheme for the development of other States having capacity of attracting tourists;

(c) the names of State which have sought help from the Central Government in this regard; and

(d) the quantum of help provided by the central Government in this connection, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) The development of tourism in each State is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments and it is not dependent on the developments in any other State. The amounts sanctioned to different States